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Although Labor Day was scheduled to be the last day the Van Buren Township splash pad would be open to the public, now its use has been extended because of the heat wave. The closing day has not been set and it will depend on the weather. The splash pad is open to everyone from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and is free to use. Young and old have been enjoying the cooling water all summer. The splash pad is located in Quirk Park, just behind the Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Rd. The splash pad is accessible from the Quirk Road park parking area or the back parking area at township hall.

VBT to host 9/11 20th anniversary commemoration event

Van Buren Township will host a special memorial event at Grace Lake Corporate Center, in the west side parking lot, at 1 Village Center Dr.

In conjunction with the 20th anniversary of 9/11 memorial events being held nationwide, this special event will honor all the victims of the 9/11 attacks, including first responders and COVID-19 heroes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 11.

"Not only are we honoring the victims and mutual aid first responders of 9/11, we'll also be honoring our current first responders and

COVID-19 heroes," said event organizer John Delaney, who is second vice chairman of the VBT Local Development Funding Authority.

In partnership with local first responders from the City of Belleville, Canton Township, Detroit Metro Airport, Huron Valley Ambulance, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, City of Romulus, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township there will be a prayer vigil, bell ringing and a moment of silence beginning at 9:37 a.m., when the first plane struck the Pentagon 20 years ago.

"We will never forget all those who lost their lives 20 years ago," said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We're inviting everyone to stop by and help us honor all those who have fallen and everyone who continues to keep us safe."

A car show will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with over 10 different car clubs in attendance, showcasing more than 150 vehicles. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a "Best of Show" award ceremony of the cars on site. The first 150 car show entries will receive a dash plaque and car show memorial t-shirt.

There will be local food trucks on-site throughout the event.

Delaney expressed special thanks to the generous sponsors for the event: Waste Management, Wayne County Community College District, Atchinson Ford, Stack's

Pizza & Deli, A-Design Line, Tim Horton's, T-Rex Arms, Meijer, Culver's and Grace Lake Corporate Center.

This event is free and open to the public. Participants will be required to follow all CDC and Michigan Department of Health and Humans Services guidelines.

For more information visit vanburen-mi.org.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

11-year-old dies after running from initial accident on Michigan

An 11-year-old boy from Ypsilanti Township was pronounced dead at the scene after a Michigan Avenue accident Tuesday morning. He had attempted to run from an original collision and was hit by a truck.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Kenneth Floro said at about 6:20 a.m. on Aug. 31 the VBT Public Safety Department, the Canton Township Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to Michigan Avenue, near Denton Road, for a reported vehicle collision that involved a

pedestrian.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a disabled vehicle was parked partially in the travel lanes of eastbound Michigan Avenue, east of Denton, due to an unknown mechanical failure.

A 61-year-old Canton Township resident was driving his Ford Fusion eastbound on Michigan Avenue when he struck the disabled vehicle. There were three occupants from the disabled vehicle that were standing outside of the vehicle at the time of the initial collision.

The 11-year-old boy attempted to run southbound across Michigan Avenue after the initial collision and was struck by a GMC pickup truck traveling eastbound on Michigan Avenue.

The Canton Township Fire Department provided emergency medical care for all the people involved in this collision. The Canton Fire Department transported a 34-year-old Ypsilanti Township woman and a nine-year-old Ypsilanti Township girl to the University of Michigan Hospital for evaluation. Additionally, the Canton

Township Fire Department pronounced the 11-year-old boy deceased at the scene.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation, collect data, and secure physical evidence. Michigan Avenue at the site was closed until 11 a.m. The accident remains under investigation and anyone with information or who may have witnessed this incident is asked to contact Lt. Kenneth Floro or Det. Dale Harrison at (734) 699-8930.

Belleville Area District Library board passes new food policy

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The staff of the Belleville Area District Library had been having issues with people eating and drinking throughout the new library. Someone was even eating fried chicken at the computers.

The staff came up with a plan and then turned it over to the policy committee of the library board. At the board's regular in-person meeting on Aug. 10 the new policy was unanimously approved.

Board president Sharon Peters said the staff wants this to be the people's library and wants them to feel at home. But, some guidelines had to be set.

"No food fights," said building committee chairperson Joy Cichewicz, who runs a library in Ypsilanti.

Policy committee chairperson Mary Jane Dawson presented the following food policy which was adopted by the board:

- Food and covered beverages are permitted in designated areas of the library. Designated areas are marked with signs.
- Patrons are expected to clean up after themselves, placing trash in appropriate receptacles and notifying staff if spills occur.
- Staff reserves the right to request patrons remove or clean up food and beverages if the food or beverages are creating a mess,

damaging the library, or causing odors that are considered a nuisance.

- Alcohol or intoxicating food/beverages are strictly prohibited on library premises, except that alcohol may be permitted for library programming purposes.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said the signs could be moved around after the policy is implemented to adjust the areas designated.

In other business at the 66-minute, in-person meeting, the board:

- Accepted the offer of Doug Peters to loan two acrylic paintings he owns to the library for one to five years and approved hanging them in the library. The recommendation of the art committee was brought to the board by committee chairperson Michele Montour. The committee suggested hanging them in the periodical room, but the natural light coming in the windows has to be checked out to determine the best location so the paintings aren't damaged. "Red Dawn," a museum-wrapped canvas measuring 36"x48" weighs three pounds and "Tomorrow's Journey," a framed 36"x36" painting weighs five pounds. The artist is Vissaron Bakradze, a former client of Peters;
- Heard building committee chairperson Cichewicz report that thanks to the Belleville city manager, the \$25,000 refund

the library has coming from a \$50,000 deposit required for Hennessey Engineers during construction of the building is on its way back to the library. She told of small problems being fixed around the building and the news that the enhanced ventilation project, exceeding required standards, will begin in mid-September and be done by the end of October. She said on July 22 the library had a DTE brownout when a branch came down by the Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. The library closed at 6 p.m. and no computers were damaged. Director Suchy added that for installation of the window blinds they will have to get into the ceiling. She said the rooms can be darkened for movies or the light just filtered. This will be done in the Cozzad Room and other rooms where the sun comes in heavily;

- Heard John Juriga report that one of the bollards in front of the building is cracked. He said it is OK now, but in the winter water could get inside. They are having it checked out. Dawson said it looks like a dinosaur egg. Juriga also complained about the "out house," which he amended to "portajohn" outside the library's front door. It was put up by the Belleville Central Business Community for the once-weekly Farmers' Market, but will be up all summer, right in front of their multi-million-dollar new library, he said. Director Suchy said she

would talk with Janet Millard of the CBC at the Aug. 12 meeting for the Harvest Festival planning. On Aug. 13 Millard announced the portajohn would be removed and those at the market will be able to use the library restrooms;

- Heard Director Suchy report that because of the rise in COVID cases, apparently due to the Delta variant, "We're back to masks again for a while." She said they are not mandating but recommending masks for patrons and staff in the building. She said they are in the process of hiring a shelving page, a circulation clerk, and a part-time adult services librarian. Also, librarians are planning a series of computer classes that will be held at the Sumpter branch in the fall. She said they now have a small collection of popular materials and children's books at the Sumpter Branch, a "tiny reference section." Suchy also announced Beverly Meyer, "the Music Lady," is back for a live concert at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 28, in the Storytime Room. She said a Teen Book Club is being formed for those in grades 8-12. The first meeting is Sept. 14; and

- Heard board treasurer Tanya Stoudemire report that a coworker of her's tested positive for coronavirus and she is negative, but, "It's not over yet." Mary Jane Dawson noted, "Eventually, we'll learn to deal with this virus."

VBT board approves mask mandate policy approved by unions

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve an updated Vaccination Mandate Policy at its Aug. 17 regular meeting via zoom.

The policy was developed in coordination with the township, elected officials, Human Resources and the township's collective bargaining units.

Letters of understanding have been received from the Police Officers Labor

Council-Command, POLC-Officers and Dispatch and the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters in acceptance of the policy.

The policy covers elected officials, non-union and union employees and volunteers working in the township hall.

The policy includes:

- Employees shall provide the HR Director with a status of non-vaccination or vaccination by the deadline of Sept. 16. Non-compliance will start the step-by-step discipline process outlined in the Collective

Bargaining Agreement or the Personal Services Agreement, which could lead to termination. A copy of the vaccination card or fully vaccinated person's certification form shall be turned in to put in the personnel file. Misrepresentation will result in discipline;

- Incentives – All employees except elected officials as of the June 16 mandate will be entitled to an incentive of \$500 if the vaccination was taken voluntarily prior to Oct. 1, to be paid the first payroll

in November. Unvaccinated employees choosing to take the vaccine will also get the incentive once proof is presented. An additional \$250 will be given to all employees when the township reaches 100% vaccinations to be paid by the first payroll in February 2022;

- All unvaccinated employees, including employees with an approved reasonable accommodation are required to take a COVID test every seven days (with the

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Schools reopen Aug. 30 with in-person education

On Monday, locally the Van Buren Public Schools and Keystone Charter Academy opened their doors to students for in-person education for all, except those who prefer online classes.

At first, both school districts had a mask-optional format, but last Friday the Wayne County Health Department issued an order mandating masks in all the schools and so all the county schools have mask mandates for everyone in the buildings.

The opening of school brought traffic snarls around the schools, as parents brought their students to school, especially at Sumpter and Owen where the traffic light was not functioning.

But the students were happy to be back in school to see their friends, their teachers, their classrooms, and to learn new things in person. One child said one of her favorite things was the break from wearing the mask when they went outside for recess.

Some are not thrilled about mask-wearing. A parent who was resisting the mandate said his daughter suggested a demonstration, so one was planned for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the high school, too late for a report from us in this week's paper. This was planned to be held during the high school open house for parents.

Masks or not, the students are happy to be back in a real school with real teachers and their classmates, who they've really missed.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

People have been having a lot of fun visiting the goats at Horizon Park in the City of Belleville. We've been told the goats may be there a month. We see their electric fence has been moved along to a new lakeside area.

Some people complained that when it got hot, the goats laid down to rest. But, they got to eating again in the evening when it cooled down.

Mike Mourer, one of the owners, told me the goats get up in the night and eat. Midnight snacks, I guess.

Janet Millard, who was director of the Chamber of Commerce for many years, said in the past city groups had been advocating for a "destination" place for people to travel to in Belleville and get out of their cars. She said we finally have a destination. People are coming to see the goats. Maybe, the city could keep a few goats on hand for a destination.

Wasn't it fun to see the Taylor team win the Little League World Series on Sunday? Channel 7 offered great coverage of the competition. Those Michigan boys were just great, but the Ohio team also was very good and it was sad that one team had to lose.

Today (Thursday, Sept. 2) beginning at 6 p.m., Taylor will celebrate its team with a parade and festivities that include fireworks and autograph signing by the team members. The parade will be staged at the Taylor Recreation Center, 22805 Goddard. It will leave the TRC and travel down Goddard to Pardee, and then southbound along Pardee to Heritage Park, similar to the parade route of the Taylor Winterfest.



The same day, television showed the 11 flag-covered body containers of our service members being delivered in the U.S. from Afghanistan. Two families wanted a private delivery. There were 13 we lost. Heartbreaking.

Be advised: Labor Day is no longer the last day the Van Buren Township splash pad will be open behind township hall in Quirk Park. The use has been extended because of the heat wave.

Last Friday I attended the BHS Class of 1954 annual reunion at Lois Mida Zilka's home in Canton. She hosts her classmates every year for weekend get-togethers.

I went after work and I'm the only one still working. When I got to Canton, they told me about this big downpour that just had swamped the tent over the food table and forced them off of the deck into the house.

When I got there, with Lois were Ron Inman and his wife, Earline Allen Cox, Valera Haft, Fred Knofske, and Bob Smrcka. I had missed Connie Watts, who left before I got there. I missed all the food, too, but Earline had baked a strawberry cake with pink frosting that we shared.

Most of those present were originally from Sumpter Township, but Lois was from Denton, Valera from the City of Belleville, and I was from Van Buren Township.

There was another gathering on Saturday,

but I missed that. Lois is so great to share her home with us year after year so we don't lose track of each other.

As one classmate pointed out, "We are in our 80s, you know." That emphasized that one or the other of us may not be around to attend the gathering next year.

I learned that Earline, who was a hospice nurse, was named the Nurse of the Year for the State of Arizona when she lived there. Now she's in Southgate and back in our neighborhood. She is volunteering in veterans' homes and migrant locations these days.

We thought the Wayne County Road crew that recently resurfaced Savage Road within the Belleville city limits would have erased what my son calls his "rain gauge," but it didn't. The puddle on the road across from the Victoria Commons area forms there after rains and has for a very long time. The puddle reports about a quarter inch of rain has fallen if the puddle water is part-way out into the road, a half inch when halfway across the road and one or more inches when it is all the way across the road. It's still there and reporting as usual. They just milled and filled but didn't correct the level of the road. It's much nicer driving, nonetheless.





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Letters

Tiger Robotics looking for mentors

To the editor:

Robotics are back in Belleville! With the start of the 2021-2022 school year under way, Van Buren Schools are preparing to begin another season of competition with FIRST Robotics.

FIRST stands for "For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology," and the students at McBride Middle School and Belleville High School are ready to stretch their science and technology muscles.

But they need your inspiration! Become a mentor for either school's team – or both! A FIRST team runs like a business, utilizing skills from many different fields. Mentors are needed to assist teams with design and engineering tasks, technical writing (the engineering notebook), programming, business activities, and robot assembly.

Students design, build, and program their robot for the season's game, taking advice and guidance from their mentors. In addition to the competition, the team needs to brand itself, conduct outreach in the community, and generally create a self-sufficient organization through a business plan, so non-technical mentors in business and project management are needed as well.

Our teams will match your skills and talents to our needs for any time commitment you can make. In general, the Middle School (FIRST Tech Challenge) designs and builds in the fall, starting just after Labor Day for competitions that take place in November/December. The High School (FIRST Robotics Competition) designs and builds beginning in January for March/April competitions. Throughout the remainder of the year, the teams pursue other activities of outreach, continued learning, and fun.

For more information about mentoring and specific roles and responsibilities of mentors, please visit the team website at www.tiger-robotics.org.

Tiger Robotics looks forward to working with you!

Thanks very much for your consideration!

Mark Laginess
Belleville

Stop the madness on masks and vaccines!

To the editor:

Almost every day we hear about another government official making a decision regarding masks or vaccines. What we don't hear are answers to some very basic questions such as:

1. What specific law grants these government officials the power to mandate anything regarding individual health decisions?
2. What scientific studies are they using to support their mandates?
3. What document are they using that proves any COVID-19 test is reliable?
4. What study are they using that proves masks are effective in blocking viruses?
5. What documented study are they referring to, that shows any of the vaccines are safe and effective?

According to the VAERS [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System], there have been over 13,000 deaths and over 17,000 permanently disabled from COVID vaccines. In a Harvard study, it was determined, the VAERS numbers represent only 1%-10% of the total.

6. Why has the COVID-19 virus NEVER been isolated to prove it actually exists?

Without answers to these basic questions, how can any public official make ANY decisions regarding public health or behavior related to COVID-19 or vaccines? COVID-19 mandates are simply an uninformed overreach of authority, and mandating a so-called vaccine that has killed and injured people, is immoral. What is even more disgusting, is the idea that the numbers reported in the VAERS are an acceptable rate of death and injury from vaccines, particularly for children.

Government officials and the people are inflicting suffering on each other, and it needs to stop. There is no good that can come from FEAR.

The good will come from Courage. It's time to Stop the Madness.

Daniel Osterman
Belleville

Enjoyed story about swimming Great Lakes

To the editor:

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More Letters

Supt. Kudlak, Flange exchange mask ideas

Mr. Flange:

Thank you for your email.
This is a polarizing topic where both sides believe that they are doing what is best for students. I discuss the situation with our public health experts at the Wayne County Health Department (WCHD). They are aware of any risks that may be associated with masks. They are also aware of any public health benefits that are associated with masks. I am not a public health expert.

I understand that you are not happy with this decision. Please know that all decisions are made with the best interest of the student in mind. We are working to keep everyone safe in our school and in our community with these decisions.

I hope this helps.

Pete Kudlak, Superintendent
Van Buren Public Schools

To: School Supt. Peter Kudlak
CC: Independent

Thank you for your reply. Although, I don't see an answer to my question. So, I will repeat it.

What mitigation efforts are you going to put in place to reduce/eliminate the negative health problems associated, both physical and mental, with mask wearing?

I understand you are going to blame the Wayne County Health Dept. After all, they made the decision to mandate masks. But that is a cop-out.

You are not employed by Wayne County Health Dept. You were elected by the citizens of the VBP school district. As such, we expect you to make decisions. Not rely on others. You cannot cite a study that indicates masks do anything to lessen the effects of Covid. Whereas I can list studies that show the harm masks cause.

You also state, "We are required by law to wear masks..." As the head of a school district, I should not have to teach you sixth-grade civics. Laws are passed by the legislature and signed by the governor.

Finally, I will ask one more question: If masks work, why are masks not working?

Joseph Flange

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Sept. 2:** Boys Varsity Tennis vs Livonia Stevenson HS, 4 p.m.; Varsity Football vs Dearborn HS, 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 7:** Boys Varsity Soccer vs Livonia Stevenson HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Swim/Dive vs Flat Rock HS & Lincoln HS, 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 8:** Boys Varsity Soccer vs Fordson HS, 5:30 p.m.

Diane Kiessel

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Obituaries



Carl Francis Vives, Jr.,

CARL FRANCIS VIVES, JR.

(March 3, 1933 – August 23, 2021)

Carl Francis Vives, Jr., age 88, of Venice, Florida, passed away Monday, August 23, 2021, at Ashford Court, Westland, MI. He was born March 3, 1933, in Garden City, MI, son of Carl Francis Vives, Sr. & Emily (Makima) Flint. He graduated from Fordson High School, class of 1952. He served in the United States Army from 1953-1955 during the Korean War. He married Lorene (Cheek) Vives in 1957. Carl played for the Detroit Tigers minor league farm system in the 1950s. He retired from UPS after many years of loyal service as a regional director. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Venice, Florida. He was an excellent golfer including making clubs for family and friends as a hobby. He was a member of the Meadow Brook Golf Country Club and the Plantation Golf Country Club.

Mr. Vives is survived by daughter Renee Carla (Tom Wozniak) Vives of Belleville, MI; son Scott Francis Vives of Venice, Florida; grandchildren: Neal Richard (Jessica) Schultz of Plymouth, MI, Julianne Kristen (Joye) Toro of Nicholasville, Kentucky, Kathleen Nicole Tarhanich of Canton, MI, Laura Jeannine Grenfell of Belleville, MI and John Nicholas Grenfell IV of Plymouth, MI; great-grandchildren: Jackson Phillip Schultz, Carter Vives Schultz, Lucas Luis Toro, Natalie Caroline Toro, Rylee Lorene Tarhanich and Reese Sherry Tarhanich; nephews: Brad (Cheryl) Bowman of Chatsworth, California and Kirk (Katrina) Bowman of San Matco, California; also numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Carl Sr., mother Emily Flint, stepdad James Flint, his wife of nearly 60 years Lorene Vives (2016), son Jon Brian Vives (2018), and sister Yvonne Bowman.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart-to-Heart Hospice. www.davidcbrownfh.com

EAY VERN HEDRICK

(July 1, 1942 – May 30, 2021)

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Sept. 11 at Oakland Hills Community Church, 37150 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

ROBERT A. YANDURA

(May 12, 1936 – March 28, 2020)

A memorial mass will be at 11 a.m., Sept. 13, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville 48111. Interment of cremated remains at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Cremation arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.



Sharon Deanna Martin

SHARON DEANNA MARTIN

(September 23, 1940 – August 21, 2021)

Sharon Deanna Martin, age 80 of Carleton, MI, passed away peacefully on Saturday afternoon, August 21 in her home amongst many family members.

Born September 23, 1940 in Detroit, Sharon was the daughter of Charles and Lucille Foster. She retired from Lake Erie Transit after 18 years. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling, and line dancing. She was a member of the Red Hatters and attended Pleasant Valley AME Church in Belleville, where she sang in the choir. Sharon is survived by her husband of 59 years, Marvin E. Martin; her sister, Janice Sims; three sons: Marvin, Marlon (Rita), and Maury (Jennifer); a daughter, Marla; 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents and daughter-in-law, Wendy (Gregoire) Vargas. Visitation was held from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 30, at Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville 734-697-9400 and Tuesday, August 31, at 11 a.m., a brief burial ceremony was held at Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery in Flat Rock. In lieu of flowers, please send monetary donations in Sharon's name to: The Monroe County Humane Society

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CAROLYN TIMMONS PAYNE

(December 2, 1946 – August 21, 2021)

Age 74. Survived by daughters Shawn Turner and J. Lynette Williams, both of North Carolina. Local arrangements and transportation by David C. Brown Funeral Home. Service and burial in North Carolina.

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 remain at 76, positive tests at 3,739

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 76 as of Monday, Aug. 30, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count. It has been at 76 since July 25.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,739 on Monday, Aug. 30, up from 3,699 on Monday, Aug. 23.

On Monday, Aug. 30, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,511 positive cases, 42 deaths; City of Belleville, 511 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 717 positive cases, 13 deaths.

Obituaries



Lois Meszaros

LOIS MESZAROS

(December 11, 1944 – August 26, 2021)

Lois Meszaros, longtime Belleville resident, passed away peacefully at her daughter's house on hospice August 26, 2021.

Lois was born in Belleville, MI to Pearl and Chester Waldo on December 11, 1944. She spent much time on their horse farm in Coldwater, MI. Lois loved to sew, make flower arrangements for weddings, landscaping; she loved her music, roller skating, playing cards and dancing.

She volunteered her time at St. Michael's church food pantry, helping the needy. She would always take what was hers and give to anyone in need. She worked many years at Stein & Keller Greenhouse as head grower, as she loved to garden.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, and her eldest son Gary. She leaves behind her daughter Darlisa, her son Shannon, her boyfriend Vic, her grandchildren Cassandra and Mike Mezarous, great-granddaughter Adaline Rose, and many other grand- and great-grandchildren. Also, her two dogs Dusty and KC.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at a later date. Lois will be greatly miss by so many.



Lynne Randall Smith

LYNNE RANDALL SMITH

(May 26, 1943 – August 10, 2021)

Lynne Randall Smith, aged 78, died August 10, 2021. She was born May 26, 1943, the youngest child of the late Harry C. Randall and Jean Randall (nee Hanlin).

Loving wife of 57 years to Benjamin P. Smith Sr. Caring mother of Heidi (John) Alger, Janine Smith Kraft, and B. Phillip Smith Jr. Dear grandmother of Evan (Kathryn) Alger, Nathan Alger, Helen Kraft, Smith Kraft, Martin Kraft, Nola Smith and Harper Smith. Beloved sister of Joan (Emil) Engel and the late James (Jacquelin) Randall. She will also be dearly missed by many nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Lynne grew up in Belleville, MI. She was a 1961 graduate of Belleville High School, attended Michigan State University, and received an associate degree in interior design from Northern Virginia Community College. After living in the Washington, D.C. area for almost 40 years, Lynne and Ben retired to Hamburg Township, MI.

No service will be held. Please view Lynne's obituary and tribute wall at Frazerfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society.

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Jeffrey Thurman of VBT sentenced to one year in prison in murder case

Jeffrey Thurman, 21, of Van Buren Township and Calvin Vanderhoff, 21, of Canton Township were sentenced in Washtenaw County Circuit Court on Aug. 30 to each spend one year in prison for their parts in the shooting death of Brandon Cross, 19, in Pittsfield Township in 2017.

The judge said the two had been given a second chance.

The shooter, Xavier F. Payne of Ann Arbor, who was 16 at the time, was sentenced to life in prison on Aug. 9 following a jury trial.

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The Wayne County Airport Authority's Willow Run Airport (YIP) has earned the 2020-2021 Balchen/Post Award for excellence in the performance of airport snow and ice control in the small general aviation category (less than 50,000 operations per year).

This is the fifth time Willow Run has been recognized by the Northeast Chapter — American Association of Airport Executives (NEC/AAAE), winning in

2003 and earning honorable mentions in 2005, 2018 and 2020.

"I am immensely proud of our Willow Run staff and our entire Airport Authority team for receiving this prestigious honor," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Chad Newton. "The dedication, professionalism, and technical skill exhibited across our organization kept flights operating safely and cargo moving freely during a difficult time for our region,

both in terms of weather and the ongoing pandemic."

The annual Balchen/Post Awards, established in 1976, recognize airport teams who regularly deal with winter weather conditions for outstanding overall performance, with special consideration given to preparedness, effectiveness, communication and post-storm activities.

"The snow and ice season is approximately six months long, but we

work all year to analyze and improve our procedures at Willow Run Airport and Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport," said Vice President of Operations and Maintenance James Montgomery. "It's encouraging to know our team's efforts are having a positive impact and being acknowledged by leaders in our industry. I'm honored to work with such a talented team."



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Detroit man charged with seven felonies after break-in on San Carlos

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Larry Wayne Langford, Jr., 44, of Detroit has been charged with seven felonies and one misdemeanor following the Aug. 9 and 10 incidents around a break-in at a residence on San Carlos Drive in the city of Belleville.

Penalties for the charges include a sentence to life in prison.

Langford, who is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$100,000/10% bond, was before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley by zoom on Aug. 25 for his probable cause conference.

His defense attorney, Kendrick Riggins, said he did not have all the video discovery available to proceed, so the probable cause conference was adjourned for a week to Sept. 1.

For Aug. 9, Langford is charged with:

- Safe breaking;
- Home invasion-1st degree;
- Possession of burglar's tools; and
- Three counts of stealing/retaining without consent financial transaction devices (credit cards).

A second case, for Aug. 10, adds charges for:

- Assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer; and
- Escape lawful custody, a misdemeanor.

Bond on the Aug. 10 case was set at \$50,000/10%.

Langford also is facing an absconder from probation charge in a 2018 stolen-car case.

He was arraigned Aug. 12 on all the Belleville charges and has remained in the Wayne County Jail since then.

On Monday, Aug. 9, at about 5:35 p.m., the Belleville Police Department was dispatched to a residence on San Carlos on a report of a breaking and entering that had just occurred.

The resident reported arriving home to find an unknown man in his residence. After a verbal confrontation, the suspect exited the home and fled on foot. Officers from Belleville with assistance from Van Buren Township police responded and quickly set up a perimeter in the area.

The victim homeowner provided a good description, said Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson. A request for assistance for a K-9 was made and a K-9 officer from the Canton Township police department

responded.

The K-9 successfully tracked from the residence to an area in the woods near the residence where the suspect was located and taken into custody without incident. The suspect did have property belonging to the victim from the residence on his person, Chief Robinson said.

Although the location of the residence was first identified as Menlo Park Drive in the police report, it was corrected to San Carlos Drive later, Chief Robinson said.

William Fosterludwig Loesel

William Fosterludwig Loesel, 38, of Van Buren Township was arraigned by video Aug. 27 by 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman. He is charged with unarmed robbery, assault with intent to rob while unarmed, larceny from the person, interfering with electronic communication, larceny from \$200-\$1,000, and reckless driving on Aug. 26 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was set for Sept. 8. Conditional bond was set at \$5,000/10% with an order to have no contact with the complaining party.

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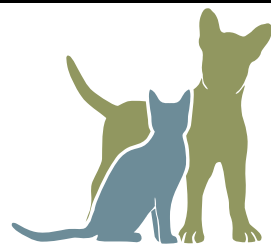
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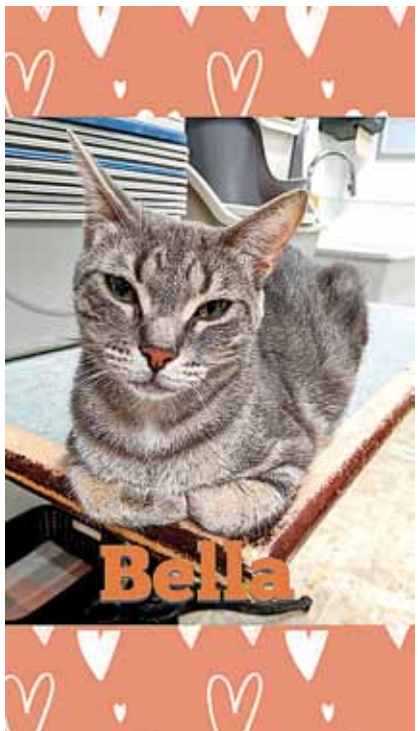
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Independent photo by James Oztzman

The crane on the barge between French Landing Dam and French Landing Park in Van Buren Township is there for a routine inspection of the dam, according to VBT Building and Planning Director Dan Power. This photo was taken across the lake from the area of Sandy's Marina on Aug. 26. Work is also being done on the park as Phase I of an upgrade.

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Brandon Mullins inducted into new Order of Templar scholars

During the 68th Triennial of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA in Minneapolis, MN, Aug. 14-18, Belleville native Brandon Mullins was inducted as the first member of a new Order of Templar scholars, the Order of Clairvaux.

Admission to this prestigious institution is restricted to just one Sir Knight every three years. In addition, he presented the paper which merited his selection before guests from across the world.

The paper was on the ways in which the Knights Templar use skulls as a symbol, ranging from them representing Golgotha, the "Place of the Skull" mentioned in scripture where Christ was crucified, to a simple reminder of each person's mortality, urging members to begin upright living today.

Mullins said skulls appear on various Knight Templar regalia and are thought to be the inspiration for the famous "Jolly Roger."

"You can still find a very prominent skull and crossbones placed by Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13 on Main Street in Ann Arbor above what is now Footprints shoe store," he said. "However, much like you find in our ceremonies, the symbol of death isn't alone, it is paired with a cross, reminding us that while death will certainly come, our redeemer lives."

Mullins grew up Belleville, but now lives in Westland. He is a member of Myrtle Lodge in Belleville as well as Ann Arbor Commandery of Knights Templar which moved into the Belleville Masonic Temple in 2015.



Brandon Mullins reads his winning paper at the recent Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

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The Belleville Tiger football team opened its 2021-22 season last Friday with a 62-7 victory at Plymouth. The Tigers are currently ranked No. 3 in the state and will host Dearborn this Thursday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m. at BHS. Go Tigers!

Congratulations to Mike Windiate and family at Belleville Pro Hardware, who celebrated their 35th business anniversary on Aug. 27. Our Main Street hardware store is everything you'd expect from a small-town business, with exceptional customer service and knowledge that is second to none. From tool rental and gallon paint to glass and keys cut, Pro Hardware has competitive prices throughout the store. Looking for a U-Haul dealer? You'll find that as well at Belleville Pro Hardware. Call (734) 697-9595. They're open 7 days, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

"I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize."

— Steven Wright

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 2** – The 5 Points Church in Romulus is once again offering a grief seminar/support group for all area residents. The 13-week program starts today at 6 p.m. and will help anyone grieving the loss of a loved one through death. Information: (734) 941-1511

• **Friday, Sept. 3** – Blood Drive at the Masonic Temple, corner of Main and High streets in Belleville, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 8** – First drive-through Chicken Supper of the season, beginning at 4:30 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 per child. Bring check or exact amount, if possible. Please call ahead for orders of six or more between 1-4 p.m. on day of the dinner. Menu: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, biscuits & gravy, dessert.

• **Friday, Sept. 10** – A \$40 reservation is due today for the Sept. 18 trip to the Fire Keepers Casino in Battle Creek. Make out the check to: Sumpter Progressive Civic League and send to P.O. Box 434, Belleville 48112, along with name, address, phone, email, and age. They will leave from the Dollar Tree, 10880 Belleville Rd. at I-94, with check in set for 8:15-8:45 a.m. and departure at 9 a.m. sharp. The fun includes \$20 free play, \$5 food voucher, refreshments, raffles, prizes. For more information, call Chrissy at (734) 217-9309 or Karietha at (734) 306-4788.

• **Saturday, Sept. 11** – Van Buren Township is hosting a 20th-anniversary commemorative event to honor all the victims of the 9/11 attacks. They also are honoring local first responders at the event held at Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Dr. It starts at 9 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m. with a prayer vigil, bell ringing, and a moment of silence at 9:37 a.m., when the first plane struck the Pentagon 20 years ago. Open to the public.

• **Monday, Sept. 13** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

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kind of test approved by management), wear a tightly fitted mask at all times when in the common areas, and continued social distancing. Noncompliance will start the discipline process;

- If employees gets COVID they may use any of their time banks to cover time off or if that has all been exhausted, it will be considered unpaid, no exceptions;

- The township will cover up to two days for those that experience mild side effects from the vaccine retroactive to the June 16 mandate. Anything over the two days outlined will be handled on a case-by-case basis requiring a physician note. This section expires Oct. 1; and

- Employees in need of an exemption from this policy due to a medical reason or because of a sincerely held religious belief must submit a completed Request

for Accommodation form with supporting documents to HR to begin the interactive accommodation process as soon as possible before the vaccination deadline of Sept. 16.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said they have worked out the same mandate as the National Football League.

"I've talked to the unions," Supervisor McNamara said. "They're pretty happy with what we've got."

In other business at the 52-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the consultant agreement with retired Water and Sewer Director James Taylor to act as management consultant effective through Jan. 31, 2022 at pay of \$80 per hour, capped at 80 hours per month. The Water and Sewer budget for 2021 was amended to add \$32,000 to cover the maximum projected hours. This is during the vacancy of a full-time director position and is to include assistance for transition once a new director has been selected and installed. "We made him come back the day after he retired," McNamara said. Taylor said he is very glad to help

the township out while in transition. He said the state wants a transition plan for a model and, "This is a working model." McNamara said, "We have good people, but nobody wants your job";

- Approved the reinstatement of late fees, penalties, and shut-offs for delinquent water accounts. On March 16, 2020 the board voted to place a suspension on all late fees, penalties, and shut-offs to give water customers some relief during the COVID-19 pandemic and state-ordered shut-down. The shut-offs, late fees, and penalties will begin to be applied with the new billing cycle in October 2021. No actions will be retroactive to that date. The first late-payment notices will come in February. Out of about 8,000 accounts, 854 accounts have payments to be made, and outstanding water service of \$288,976 needs to be collected. McNamara said he has reviewed 274 accounts and only a few owe over \$1,000, with the average about \$500;

- Approved using Ideation Orange of Hazel Park, out of six original bids, for Phase 1 of the Township Park Sign Project for a not-to-exceed cost of \$149,910. Phase 1 will include fabrication and installation of a large entry sign at each of the following parks: Quirk, Riggs, French Landing, and Van Buren. Demolition of the four existing signs is included in the price. Phase 1 is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Community Services, said \$120,000 has been allocated for Phase 2 signs in 2022;

- Approved the request of Remax Crossroads broker Glenn Silvenis, on behalf of property owner Lisa Gelb to grant an easement from the township, which owned a lake parcel, to owner Gelb at 12800 Lake Pointe Pass, to correct an encroachment over the township lake property. Building and Planning Director Dan Power said the house was constructed in 1973 plus a small addition in 2000. The situation makes it impossible for a prospective purchaser to get a mortgage. The fair market value for about 80 square feet of a single-story building encroachment (including the master bedroom and parts of the existing deck) and about 516.5 square feet of land area including this building is estimated to be worth about \$9,462, which will be paid to the township and the sale recorded. This

action will provide assurance to prospective purchasers and future purchasers that their home is protected, totally owned, and able to be insured, Silvenis said;

- Removed from the agenda the request to approve the Mallinckrodt PLC Bankruptcy Plan as it pertains to ongoing opioid litigation.

Belleville Area District Library sets events for all ages this month

There are several Youth/Adult programs happening at the Belleville Area District Library in the next couple of weeks:

- **Teddy Bear Picnic** on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m. for all ages. It's picnic time for kids and their teddy bear or special stuffed animal friend. Join us with your special stuffed animal for teddy stories, songs, games and crafts!

Storytimes are Sept. 13 – Oct. 21.

Register in person, by calling, or online at <https://belleville.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>. Registration starts Sept. 1.

- **Fall Storytime:** Mrs. Nakenya on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

- **Toddler Time,** Ms. M on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

- **Family Storytime:** Miss Stacia on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

- **Baby Storytime:** Mrs. Karen on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

- **Teen Book Club!** - Second Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m. for those in grades 8-12

Are you a teen that loves to read and talk about books? Come join us for the new Teen Book Club where will read and discuss books of all genres and types. Register at Belleville Area District Library online or by calling at (734) 699-3291.

- **Open Mic Night** – Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

Showcase your talents at our Open Mic Night. Share a poem, play an instrument, dance, or sing. Do you have something cool to show us? Please make sure all performances are appropriate for a family audience. You can also just join us to watch the show. Registration is open.

- **Homegrown Knowledge** – Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., Conk Mushroom Art presented by Haley Spiteri

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More Letters

Keystone announces mask mandate for all

Aug. 25

Dear Keystone Families,

Recently, Wayne County has moved from “substantial” risk to “high” risk with regard to community spread of COVID-19. Due to the high community transmission in our community and wanting to be aligned with neighboring school districts, the Ypsilanti, Belleville, and Canton NHA schools have decided to make a change to our mask policy in order to best keep our students and staff safe to start the school year.

Effective Monday, Aug. 30, we will be requiring masks to be worn by all students, staff, and visitors, regardless of immunization status.

The health and safety team at NHA will continue to monitor the COVID data in our area. You will receive updates if/when we are able to move back to masks being “recommended, not required.”

As you know, the topic of masks is very controversial. Everyone has strong opinions, facts, and data to support their beliefs. We see all over the news the “divide” that our country has regarding this sensitive topic. I ask, as a school community, that we respond differently knowing that every decision made is with safety being our #1 priority. Please click on [Mask Update 8.25.21.pdf](#) for the official letter regarding an update to our mask policy.

Lastly, you may click on [Keystone Safety Protocols 21-22 \(Masks Required\).pdf](#) for our updated safety protocols and procedures (see highlighted section).

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we navigate these challenging decisions.

Jorvonna Drain, principal
Keystone Academy

Sept. 11 – AKA 9-11 Time to fly our Flag

To the editor:

“Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last

phone calls, the funerals of the children.”

— George W. Bush

“The lesson of 9/11 is that America is truly exceptional. We withstood the worst attack of our history, intended by our enemies to destroy us. Instead, it drew us closer and made us more united. Our love for freedom and one another has given us a strength that surprised even ourselves.”

— Rudy Giuliani

Belleville VFW Post 4434 is encouraging all residents of Belleville to stop by our Jr. Vice Commander’s home and pick up a free U.S. Flag. You will be honoring those brave Police/Fireman who lost their lives on that fateful day.

All of these flags have previously been used on grave sites of Veterans in Belleville and Sumpter Township. Thanks for a very generous donation from Mans Lumber and many hours of labor from Contract Welding, the VFW has refurbished them to be used once again.

The 9-11 victims in the building would also be honored if you displayed one of these flags.

The recent events that took place in Afghanistan reminds us that it can happen again.

There are over 150 free, refurbished flags (12”x18”) available. Stop by 48 S. Biggs St. and pick one up (curbside pick-up). We can have your old flags properly disposed; drop them off when you pick up a new one.

Pete Pitzen
VFW Flag Program Chairman

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Aug. 31, 2021 is day that will go down in infamy

To the editor:

Last Tuesday night, I watched with horror and grief, a National Geographic documentary, lengthy, actual footage and recording of all events that led up to and into the 9/11 day itself. From the moment President Bush was whispered the tragic news of the fatal attack on the first Twin Tower in New York City.

This program is entitled – “911 One Day in America.” The stark reality of death and destruction and the fact that our beloved America was under attack, (and still is) is mind-boggling!

I would like to urge all parents of school-age students to search for a replay of this documentary. It is, unquestionably,

a history lesson worthy of our utmost attention. We Americans should not ever forget!

As President George W. Bush stated THEN - “We must be relentless in our pursuit of justice.”

And NOW, 8-31-21, we have lost a war to the same enemies, a 20-year war. I wonder and question: Is our current president and this administration incapable, incompetent, and weak to “Pursue Justice”?

In my opinion: This day (8-31-21) will go down in infamy (disgrace) not unlike Pearl Harbor Day (12-07-41).

God bless America.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

14,823 tons of toxic debris came to landfill

To the editor:

Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District:

On Aug. 18, 2021, the Buffalo District awarded a \$82-million contract to complete the cleanup of contaminated soils at the

Luckey Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Site, located near Luckey, Ohio.

In keeping with the district’s commitment to supporting small business, North Wind Portage, Inc., of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was competitively awarded the contract from among four other offerors. They will start by developing the work plans that guide all aspects of the cleanup work, which must be completed before work resumes. Work plan development, mobilization of the contractor to the site, and any necessary infrastructure improvements are expected to take approximately six months following issuance of the notice to proceed.

Our highest priorities during cleanup activities at the Luckey Site are to be protective of human health and the environment, ensure that work is conducted in a safe and efficient manner, and prevent the spread of contamination. We continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and are in regular communication with our personnel and contractors to emphasize the importance of taking appropriate actions to safeguard employee health and welfare

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Public Notice

Public Information Session

US Ecology is dedicated to making our environment a cleaner, safer place and helping protect public health by providing comprehensive waste management solutions. US Ecology is requesting updates to its Wayne Disposal, Inc. (WDI) operating license, including additional investments to improve the facility and strengthen environmental protections. WDI operates a Michigan Act 451 Part 111 Type 1 landfill located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI. The 590-acre facility has been in operation for over 40 years. Our local community and the general public are invited to attend a virtual public meeting at 6:00PM on October 6, 2021, to learn about the proposed modifications which include improving the landfill’s final cover design; adding leachate removal sumps and changing liner grades; adding the ability to perform macroencapsulation of debris; adding the ability to temporarily store waste containers before disposal; increasing remaining landfill airspace. To attend, go to USEcology.com/USEMPublicMeeting to pre-register, or join when the meeting starts without registering. Questions and requests for special accommodations should be submitted at least 72 hours before the meeting to David Crumrine at 734-521-8032 or dave.crumrine@usecology.com. The virtual public meeting is open to all. The proposed modifications will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE). EGLE will review WDI’s requests and schedule a future public comment period and public meeting to provide an additional opportunity for the public to ask questions and submit comments.



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while working during the pandemic.

Once the soil remediation resumes, infographics will be posted weekly to the project website at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Luckey-Site/>. It is anticipated that the remaining cleanup will take approximately three to five years to complete.

To date the remediation is nearly 50% complete; the Corps of Engineers has safely removed and disposed of 118,400 tons of contaminated soil from the site, deconstructed seven buildings, and disposed of 14,823 tons of building debris at US Ecology in Belleville, MI.

"News from the Corps of Engineers" emails will be periodically sent to update you on our progress for the site. If you are aware of someone that should be included on our email distribution list, please ask them to email us at: fusrap@usace.army.mil.

[mil](mailto:fusrap@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,
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1-800-833-6390 (Option 4)

Family Dollar announces grand re-opening

CHESAPEAKE, Va. – Dollar Tree, Inc. on Aug. 26 announced the grand re-opening of its Family Dollar store located at 265 Sumpter Rd. in Belleville.

The 9,180 square foot store is scheduled to re-open on Thursday, Sept. 2.

In addition to providing low prices, the renovated store will offer a broader assortment of frozen and refrigerated food, a large selection of pantry goods, beauty and health merchandise.

Public Notice



EPA Invites public comments on the proposed final remedy to address historic contamination at the Van Buren Township Landfill site in Van Buren Township, Michigan

Comment dates: September 2, 2021 – October 2, 2021.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response (RACER) Trust is giving notice to the public on the proposed final remedy to address historic contaminant releases that have occurred at the Van Buren Township Landfill site, intersection of Ecorse Road and Route 12, Van Buren Township, Wayne County. Iron and manganese are in on-site and off-site groundwater, and on-site soils contain zinc and copper above risk-based ecological screening limits.

Background

The Van Buren Township Landfill occupies approximately 68 acres of vacant, undeveloped land adjacent to a General Motors parts facility and Willow Run Airport. Van Buren Development Company operated a landfill at the site from 1966 to 1969, when it was purchased by General Motors, and it has been vacant ever since.

City of Detroit incinerator ash, City of Dearborn demolition waste and domestic refuse, Ford Motor Company wastepaper, and liquid waste inside 55-gallon drums were reportedly landfilled at the Van Buren Township Landfill site. Automotive parts were also found during sampling at the site.

In 2011, RACER Trust and EPA entered into a voluntary agreement to investigate, and remediate, all hazardous wastes releases at or from the Van Buren Township Landfill site. The work agreed to by the Agency was designed and implemented to protect human health and the environment. EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act RCRA program oversees the cleanup of the Van Buren Township Landfill site under the Corrective Action program.

Proposed Remedies

EPA is proposing that the RACER Trust should implement the following remedy at the Van Buren Township Landfill site to address contaminated soils and groundwater:

- Limit land and groundwater use for industrial use, manage potential facility vapor intrusion.
- Groundwater use restrictions and maintain existing vegetation.

- Continued groundwater monitoring to verify levels of contaminants of concern (COCs) remain stable, are decreasing, and do not pose risk to on-site or off-site receptors.
- Cleanup of surface waste exposed debris, with waste piles to be disposed of off-site.

Before a final decision is made, EPA is taking comments from the public on the proposed final remedy to address historic contamination at the Van Buren Township Landfill site, from September 2, 2021 – October 2, 2021.

Copies of the proposed remedy and supporting documents can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-racer-van-buren-township-landfill-van-buren-township>. Copies of the proposed remedy and supporting documents will also be available at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 4th St, Belleville, MI 48111.

If you are unable to view documents online or at the library, you may request a copy from Brandon Pursel, whose contact information is below. Written comments can be submitted online, or you may also submit written comments postmarked by October 2, 2021.

The public may request a public hearing about this draft proposal, during which the public may submit written comments, ask questions, make statements, and otherwise discuss with EPA staff any concerns about or support for the approval. If a public hearing is to be held, EPA will make a separate announcement on the date, time, and location based on current social distancing guidance from federal, state, and local officials, of that hearing/meeting 30 days in advance.

At the close of the comment period, EPA will prepare a response to all significant comments. Following review of any comments received on the on the proposed final remedy to address historic contamination at the Van Buren Township Landfill site, EPA will issue a final decision.

For more information:

EPA Project Manager Brandon Pursel, pursel.brandon@epa.gov, 312-353-9229.

EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Francisco Arcaute, arcaute.francisco@epa.gov, 312-886-7613, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 289 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 22:

0013 – assist other dept., Bog Rd.
0204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green
0209 – K-9 call out, Rawsonville/Textile
0300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
0302 – shooting, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0401 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0409 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ivy Dr.
0428 – assist citizen, Edwards Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0624 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0933 – 911 welfare check, Meadows Ct.
1030 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1037 – malicious destruction of property, Quirk Rd
1129 – domestic, Meadows Ct.
1152 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1236 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colony Ln.
1328 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1416 – domestic, Colony Ln.
1423 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave.
1658 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1805 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1813 – assist other dept., Quirk Rd.
1849 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1919 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
2002 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1959 – threat, Denton Rd.
2046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2056 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr.
2113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2122 – suspicious person/vehicle, Patty Ln./Jeremy
2151 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
2207 – assist other dept., Hardwood/Empire Ct.
2300 – domestic, Richard Run Dr.

Monday, Aug. 23:

0308 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0359 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0435 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0531 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
0752 – lost property/child, Tyler Rd./Quirk Rd.
0837 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
0922 – ordinance violation, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0945 – property damage accident, Linda Vista Ct.
1124 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
1210 – assault & battery, Quirk Rd.
1240 – animal complaint, Alden Dr.
1310 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Cumberland
1401 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1403 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1436 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1546 – suspicious person/vehicle, Prairiegrass Ct. / Sage Cir.
1657 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1745 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1801 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.
1934 – family trouble, Gilmore St.
1938 – missing person, W. Huron River Dr.
2000 – fight, Belleville Rd.
2019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
2120 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2131 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2158 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2244 – harassment call, Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 24:

0129 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
0935 – assist other dept., Ash Dr.
1212 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1338 – abandoned auto, Van Buren St.
1552 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1554 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
1613 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1747 – road hazard, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1828 – traffic offense, Beck/Ecorse
1829 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1841 – malicious destruction of property, Hamilton
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride
2204 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Walden Blvd.

2248 – threat, Briarwood Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 25:

0324 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Water's Edge Ln.
0619 – missing person, Jackson St.
0714 – neighbor trouble, Westlake Cir.
0936 – missing person, W. Huron River Dr.
1010 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
1051 – family trouble, Lake Point Blvd.
1123 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1445 – private property impound, Beckley Rd.
1456 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1558 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
1654 – breaking & entering, Old Rawsonville Rd.
1756 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1815 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1819 – mental subject, Fret Rd.
1840 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service dr.
1853 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1929 – mental subject, Haggerty Rd.
1939 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe Rd.
2123 – domestic, Robbe Rd.
2214 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
2353 – domestic, Bemis Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 26:

0045 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0123 – 911 welfare check, Rose Blvd.
0329 – overdose, Parkwood Dr.
0755 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd.
0757 – assault & battery, Savage Rd./Arlene Ln.
0925 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
0940 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1029 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1040 – harassment call, Rose Blvd.
1215 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1252 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cobblestone
1447 – motorist assist, Belleville/S. I-94 Service
1512 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1558 – abandoned auto, Hannan Rd./Van Born
1633 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1723 – property damage accident, Beck Rd.
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
2258 – motorist assist, Haggerty/E. Huron River
2314 – suicidal person, Robson Rd.
2337 – indecent exposure, Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, Aug. 27:

0027 – domestic, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
0059 – road hazard, N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
0125 – malicious destruction of property, Richard Run Dr.
0215 – family trouble, Lake Pointe Pass
0425 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
0731 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0816 – 911 welfare check, Harmony Ln.
1015 – follow up by officer, Belleville Rd.
1110 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1114 – missing person, Timberview Ct.
1206 – suspicious person/vehicle
1210 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1359 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd.
1359 – mental subject, Ventura Dr.
1419 – fraud, Hannan Rd.
1442 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1454 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1511 – follow up by officer, Carmell
1535 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1629 – domestic, Jeremy Rd.
1635 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1725 – trespassing, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1755 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2027 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
2102 – overdose, Richard Run Dr.
2146 – domestic, Van Born
2240 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Southport Apts.
2330 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2334 – hospice death, Hull Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 28:

0103 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0207 – suspicious person/vehicle, Gilmore St.
0323 – threat, Richard Run Dr.
0400 – shooting, Sylvia Dr.
0511 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0737 – motorist assist, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville Rd.

0902 – 911 welfare check, Stamford Rd. / N. Cumberland Dr.
0958 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1029 – lost property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1058 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.
1131 – fraud, North Shore Dr.
1224 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1340 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd.
1425 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lohr Rd.
1431 – fraud, Solitude Ln.
1508 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1536 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1650 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1727 – assist other dept., Lacy Dr.
2041 – breaking & entering, S. Woodbury Dr.
2054 – assist other dept., McBride Ave.
2103 – traffic offense, Beacon Trl./W. Huron River
2223 – assist citizen, Ashbury Dr.
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Walden Blvd. / Tyler Rd.
2317 – property damage accident, S. Haggerty I-94 ramp W.
2357 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.

Also on this week's log are 22 traffic stops, none of which were on the freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 22:

0021 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River
0401 – traffic stop, Denton Rd.
1038 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1203 – disorderly, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1402 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1621 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.
1639 – found property/child, Main St.
1709 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2342 – motorist assist, Main St./High St.

Monday, Aug. 23:

0028 – traffic stop, Sumpter/Industrial Park Dr.
2042 – prisoner transport, Tyler Rd.
2241 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2252 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 24:

0010 – traffic stop, Main St.
0038 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0608 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0758 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1209 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1219 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1253 – traffic stop, Carmell St.
1604 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1711 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1734 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
1836 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
2012 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
2017 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 25:

1328 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola
1426 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1553 – threat, Belle Villa Blvd.
1648 – traffic stop, High St.
1826 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1910 – juvenile complaint, Brain St.
2043 – traffic stop, South St.

Thursday, Aug. 26:

0808 – assist other dept., Savage/Arlene
1205 – misc. complaint, W. Davis St.
1715 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.

Friday, Aug. 27:

0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter Rd.
1651 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.
1822 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1906 – assist fire dept., High St.
2023 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2034 – welfare check, High St./Roys St.
2128 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.
2200 – civil matter, Charles Ct.

Saturday, Aug. 28:

0054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
0112 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
0153 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0732 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

0818 – traffic stop, Main St.
0832 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.
0852 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
0953 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1015 – traffic stop, Wexford Ave./E. Huron River
1035 – traffic offense, E. Columbia/S. Liberty
1039 – traffic offense, E. Columbia/S. Liberty
1058 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1112 – traffic offense, Savage/Victorian Ln.
1136 – parking complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1142 – assist fire dept., Estrada
1156 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1218 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bedell St.
1239 – traffic offense, E. Columbia/S. Liberty
1354 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1430 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1442 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1450 – traffic offense, E. Huron River/N. Liberty
1457 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1508 – traffic offense, High St.
1521 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/N. Edgemont
1738 – animal complaint, Oxford Ct.
1958 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
2005 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave. / South St.
2028 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
2045 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
2052 – traffic stop, South St.
2127 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
2309 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
There were 36 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 22:

0249 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
0751 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Wilmot Dr.
0918 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1003 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1209 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1527 – disorderly person, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2135 – neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2240 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willis
2322 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.

Monday, Aug. 23:

0410 – suspicious person, Bemis Rd./Martinsville
0750 – fire dept. assist, Arkona Rd./Clark Rd.
0908 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1032 – alarm, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1038 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1052 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1319 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1325 – welfare check, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1332 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1339 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1404 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Harris
1513 – harassment complaint, Creekside Dr.
1620 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1951 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Willis
2027 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Karr
2116 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2313 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.
2348 – 911 hang up, Redwood St.

Tuesday, Aug. 24:

0000 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1012 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1106 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1254 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1357 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1440 – wires down, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1722 – fire dept. assist, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1846 – family trouble, Redwood St.
2038 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 25:

0253 – lost/missing juvenile, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0540 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Clark Rd
0541 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd./Martinsville
0654 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Clark Rd
0910 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1150 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1352 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1500 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1526 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Judd Rd
1645 – ORV complaint, Karr Rd./Wear Rd.
1744 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1821 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

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2023 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 26:
0418 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
0448 – suspicious person, Wayside Dr.
0538 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Harris
1059 – citizen assist, Stonecrest Dr.
1330 – suspicious vehicle, Wear Rd./Sumpter
1404 – alarm, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1556 – mental health call, Texas St.
1807 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1941 – traffic complaint/hazard, Clark Rd./Judd
2110 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2113 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
2323 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
2347 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Aug. 27:
0030 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
0243 – noise complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville
0522 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1019 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1223 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1235 – civil dispute, Second St.
1418 – animal complaint, Knollwood Dr.
1630 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2024 – fleeing & eluding police, Knollwood Dr./Rustic Ln.
2046 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Martinsville
2210 – suspicious person, Pecan St.
2214 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2351 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Willis

Saturday, Aug. 28:
0104 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr./Rustic Ln.
0539 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1057 – 911 hang up, Dunn Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1128 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1504 – welfare check, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs
1759 – traffic complaint/hazard, 21000 bl. Elwell
2026 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Judd
2059 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

Also on this week's log are 56 patrol checks, 30 traffic stops, and four misc. details.

Sumpter Progressive Civic League sets Fire Keepers Casino day trip

The Sumpter Progressive Civic League has planned a day trip to the Fire Keepers Casino in Battle Creek for Saturday, Sept. 18, and you are invited to go along.

The cost is a \$40 donation per person for the reservation which is due Friday, Sept. 10. ID is required and the person must be 21 to attend.

The bus will leave from the Dollar Tree parking lot at 10880 Belleville Rd., near I-94. Check-in is 8:15-8:45 a.m. and departure is 9 a.m. sharp. Arrival at the casino is estimated at 10:30 a.m.

Masks are required for health and safety. Departure from the casino is 5:30 p.m.

The reservation cost includes \$20 of free play, a \$5 food voucher, refreshments, raffles, and prizes.

To make a reservation, send your name, address, phone number, e-mail, age, and a check payable to Sumpter Progressive Civic League. Send it to: P.O. Box 434, Belleville, MI 48112.

For more information, call Christy at (734) 217-9309 or Karietha at (734) 306-4788.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Sept. 7 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

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